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WASHINGTON, DC - Today, U.S. Rep. Michael Arcuri (NY-24) issued the following statement regarding the decision by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to deny the appeal by New York Regional Interconnect (NYRI) to move forward with plans to build an intrusive and ill-planned power line across Upstate New York.

"The decision by FERC to deny NYRI's appeal signifies a real victory in the fight of so many Upstate New Yorkers over the past several years. I am honored to have joined with local residents from many different counties in building a unified front against NYRI. The NYRI plan was misguided from the start and to allow it to move forward another day would have been a disservice to our Upstate community and a step backwards from achieving energy independence for New York State. As I have said before, NYRI has used backhanded tactics to advance this project in the past and I will continue to be attentive to the NYRI issue and connected to local advocacy groups in order to prevent a proposal like this from ever being pushed on Upstate New York again."